

The statement is factually wrong on several points.

We do not call for building new refineries. We do not suggest oil sands oil be used in Quebec. We do call for Canadian oil to be used in Canada. We call for an end to foreign imports from Saudi Arabia, the US, Nigeria and a handful of other sources.

For Quebec, it would mean stopping the importation of North Dakotan Bakken shale, the source of much of what Quebec currently refines. It is not only the most dangerous oil to move by rail, as we witnessed in the horrors of Lac Megantic, but it is also among the very worst in the world in terms of its GHG impact. Bakken shale is fracked oil. It releases GHG, far more than conventional oil as it typically involves flaring, releases black carbon, ethane in large amounts reducing air quality, as well as increases in fugitive emissions of methane. It may not be well-known in Quebec that Bakken shale's carbon footprint is far worse than most oil, but it would reduce lifecycle GHG for Quebec to cancel imports so that while Quebec phases out fossil fuels it look east to Hibernia oil instead.

The Green Party's bold plan - "Mission: Possible" - aims to hold global average temperature to no more than 1.5 degrees C above that before the industrial revolution. Our survival depends on it.

Mission: Possible calls for a steep cut of greenhouse gases to 60% below 2005 levels by 2030 moving to zero by 2050. This plan inevitably involves a rapid move to 100% renewable electricity, a modernized and enhanced east-west electricity grid, a shift to EV's, a ramping down of all fossil fuel production, including reducing oil sands production, no fracking, no new exploration or drilling.

The full 20-point plan must be viewed in its entirety. Misstatements and exaggerations have not helped. And I certainly apologize to Alex for giving him cause for concern.